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Next generation: Barbara and Paul Runyan of Runyan's Jewelry of Camas are retiring and selling their long-time jewelry business to their daughter, Debra.

It's all in the family

Runyan parents
prepare to transfer
Camas jewelry
business to daughter

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CAMAS — Paul Runyan and his wife, Barbara, went out of town during the Fourth of July weekend and returned to find their downtown Camas jewelry store rearranged.

The couple's daughter, Debra, had replaced the glass cases with antique wood displays. She had brought in a computer a few weeks earlier and began putting the books and inventory on a database. In September, Debra will take over the business, Runyan's Jewelry store at 327 N.E. Fourth Ave.

"I am ready to retire. I'm tired," Paul, 62, said. Paul grew up around clocks, watches, diamonds and gold. His grandfather, William Runyan, started a jewelry store in downtown Vancouver in 1917. That beginning has produced two strong family-owned jewelry businesses — one in Camas, the other in Vancouver.

RUNYAN'S OF CAMAS

■ **OWNERS:** Paul and Barbara Runyan. In September, their daughter, Debra Runyan, will take over the business

■ **ADDRESS:** 327 N.E. Fourth Ave., Camas

■ **MERCHANDISE:** giftware, watches, clocks, gold and silver jewelry, diamond rings and other precious stone jewelry

■ **HOURS:** 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday

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